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Mississippi Representatives Win South-Wide Honors For First Time



GERALD BUCKLEY



LAWRENCE CLEGG

Gerald Buckley of Hattiesburg won first place in the Southwide Intermediate Sword Drill at Glorieta, N. M., Aug. 12 while Lawrence Clegg of Ellisville won second place in the Southwide Young People's Speaking Tournament.

These two young men had previously won first place in the Mississippi State eliminations at Camp Garaywa July 9 and became the first Mississippi representatives ever to place in a southwide event.

Gerald is a senior in Hattiesburg High School and a member of Main Street Church. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Buckley.

Mrs. S. H. Lock is his coach and this was his third year to participate in the sword drill.

He won first place over participants representing Alabama, Kansas and Louisiana.

Lawrence Clegg is the son of Mrs. Cecil Clegg and member of First Church of Ellisville. He is a 1953 graduate of Mississippi College and plans to enter New Orleans Seminary this fall.

First place winner in the speakers Tournament was Miss Roxanna Conn of Louisiana. Others represented were from Oregon, Alabama and Kansas.

Secretary Quarles Challenges Thirty Associations To Reach 100% Mark

By CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

With four associations, Jeff Davis, Gulf Coast, Warren and Washington, joining during July the growing ranks of 100 per cent Cooperative Program Associations, may we take this means of challenging at least 30 of our associations to become one hundred percent by Oct. 31, the end of this convention year.

On Oct. 31 last year there was a total of 20 100 per cent associations for last convention year. Thirty by Oct. 31 this year would give us an increase of 50 per cent over last year.

We are greatly encouraged by the fact that there are already eight 100 per cent associations with more than two months to go.

We are further encouraged by the fact that there are seven associations that lack only one church of being 100 per cent, there are eight associations that lack only two churches and nine associations that lack only three churches.

Several other associations with many more churches lack only the Southern Baptist Radio Commission comparatively small numbers of mission.

churches of being 100 per cent and are making considerable headway toward the 100 per cent mark.

Next week's Baptist Record is scheduled to carry a record of the gifts of all the churches by associations for the period Nov. 1-July 31.

Which associations will finally be in the laudable list of 30? Let everyone of us in every association strive to bring every association into this group.

Surely every Mississippi Baptist church will want to have a part this convention year in the support of world missions through the Cooperative Program.

—BR—

"Frontiers Of Faith" To Be Seen On TV Sunday Afternoon

"Frontiers of Faith", to be seen and heard on Jackson's WJTV Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock will feature Dr. Byron Wilkerson, pastor of Grove Avenue Church, Richmond, Va.

Directing the program will be Dupree Jordan, acting secretary of

NOTICE

The mission gifts of all the churches in the state from November 1 through July 31, the first three-quarters of this Convention year, will be published in next week's Baptist Record.

Baptists To Question Candidates For Office

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Baptists of the New Orleans metropolitan area served notice here that they will query all future candidates for public office "and support only those who affirm they will support the laws if elected."

The Rev. O. S. Chiocchio, chairman of the New Orleans Baptist Association's public affairs committee, said a statement to this effect was adopted by the organization after local officials had indicated approval of church-sponsored raffles and games of chance.

New Orleans' Mayor de Lesseps S. Morrison and District Attorney Sevren T. Darden had announced that the city would not prosecute such activities after Col. Francis C. Grevemberg, supt. of state police, had warned that "keno, bingo and all other gambling games anywhere in Louisiana" would be raided after Aug. 31 regardless of their sponsorship.

Two 1947 city ordinances permitting benefit games at non-commercial church fairs, the New Orleans officials said, are not in conflict with the state gambling laws because the latter "apply to games for profit."

—BR—

WHY SUBSCRIBE TO THE BAPTIST RECORD

BY C. C. WARREN, PASTOR FIRST CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Note: Dr. Warren has "hit the nail on the head" as to why every Baptist should subscribe to the Baptist Record and he has presented a challenge to us to measure up to the high standard which he has set for the paper, but you read this article and you will see why we felt that we must publish it in the Record.

This article was originally written concerning the Biblical Recorder but we have substituted the name of the Baptist Record.

We are grateful to Dr. Warren for his encouraging words.—Editor.

1. Because of What It Is.

It is the official paper of the Mississippi Baptist Convention designed to:

1. Inform us concerning the affairs of our Baptist people.

2. Inspire us to nobler Christian living.

3. Interpret Baptist doctrines.

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Courts Redford Named Head Baptist Home Mission Board

Will Succeed Dr. J. B. Lawrence Dec. 4

(By The Baptist Press)

Dr. Courts Redford, 54, Atlanta, was elected executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board at its semi-annual board meeting August 14 at Ridgecrest, N. C. He succeeds Dr. J. B. Lawrence, who has been executive secretary for twenty-four years and is retiring Dec. 4, 1953.

The forty-five member board states accepted the nomination of Dr. Redford when his name was presented by its ten member committee with Dick Hall, Jr., chairman. Dr. Hall is pastor of the First Church, Decatur, Ga.

Dr. Redford has been assistant secretary since 1943. He has helped in the general work of the Board with special responsibility for a summer student program, the mission work in Alaska, Panama, Canal Zone, and Cuba.

Born in Calhoun, Mo., his family moved to Oklahoma soon after it became a state, settling on a farm near Granite, later they moved to another farm near Lone Wolf in the adjoining county. He attended rural grade school and graduated from the Lone Wolf High School.

He was converted at the age of twelve and felt the call to preach about the time he graduated from high school. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and attended the University of Missouri. He returned to Shawnee, as educational director of the First Church and was professor of Bible and religious education at Oklahoma Baptist University.

He went from this position to be stewardship and brotherhood director for Missouri Baptists. Three years later, he became president of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and served there thirteen years until he came with the Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta in 1942.

He married Miss Ruth Ford of Oklahoma and they have nine children.

Dr. Redford is the author of several books, some of which are: Spiritual Frontiers and Crusade in Home Missions. He has written a number of denominational tracts and writes for Southern Baptist magazines.

Sunday School Board Elects Administrative Assistant

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— J.

Marvin Crowe, educational director, First Church, Abilene, Tex.,

was elected administrative assistant to James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist

Sunday School Board. He will assume his duties September 1.

A native of Kentucky, he holds nois and Missouri.

Hall Predicts Wide Approval Of Dr. Courts Redford's Election

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—The election of Dr. Courts Redford as executive secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board is expected to meet wide approval in the Southern Baptist Convention, is the opinion of Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., Decatur, Ga., chairman of the nominating committee that recommended Redford to the Board.

"Those who know Dr. Courts Redford will, I believe, be gratified in his election to the position of executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board," Hall said.

"Dr. Redford is probably the most eminently fitted man for this position among Southern Baptists. His wide experience as pastor, Missouri state worker, and college president, gave him a very broad basic preparation for such leader-

ship. Then, for ten years he has been assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. Probably no one has ever given the time and the study that Dr. Redford has given to analyzing Southern Baptist home mission work and possibilities. He has constantly produced information that has challenged Southern Baptists during these years.

"Quiet and unassuming by nature genteel, and beautifully Christian in all of his attitudes and completely approachable," Hall continued, "Dr. Redford will be able to continue the outstanding leadership with which the Home Mission Board has been blessed.

"Southern Baptists will bear him up in their prayers, and we will move forward by the grace of God to take the land."

Why Subscribe

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positions, policy and polity in the light of the New Testament.

4. Instruct all of our people concerning timely topics and vital issues in which we are mutually interested.

5. Inject more enthusiasm and zeal for our world-wide missionary undertaking.

6. Instill in every Baptist a greater love for Christ which will in turn deepen his or her sense of responsibility for carrying out the Great Commission.

II. Because It Is Ours.

We should support our own.

III. Because with the Exception of the Bible It is the Greatest Single Instrumentality for Spreading the Knowledge of the Things of God.

We are not dealing with a novelty here. The average age of the Southern Baptist denominational paper is seventy-five years.

A paper for Mississippi Baptists has been published for 117 years, and it has found its place in the convictions of our people.

It supplies a need that is not met through any other medium.

IV. Because It Is the Greatest Unifying Force Among the Baptists of Mississippi.

Unity comes largely from understanding. Through the Baptist Record we set forth our common aims and objectives and a great cooperative spirit is the result.

V. Because It Rings True to the Bible.

I thank God for giving us an editor whom we have every reason to believe will keep our paper true to the "old Book," and a man of vision and business ability that will assure its continued success.

VI. Because It Boldly Combats Heresy and Warns Us Concerning Dangerous Un-Biblical Teachings Which Tend to Weaken our Conviction and Undermine Our Faith.

Such teachings are rampant. Some of their propagators are among the most zealous missionaries that roam the country. The Baptist Record is a medium of an inestimable power in combating these heresies.

VII. Because of Its Inevitable and Far-reaching Influence in the Home and Church.

In our church covenant we pro-

mise to religiously educate our children, and straightway forget what manner of promise we have made. The Baptist Record will create in our homes a religious atmosphere. It will develop an interest in our church and denomination al program.

VIII. Because It Occupies a Place of First Rank Among the Southern Baptist Papers.

Many get the impression that all news is essentially bad news. In the Baptist Record we have a paper that is chock full of good tidings. It compares favorably with the best of Southern Baptist papers and we should be proud of it.

IX. Because of the Unusually Reasonable Subscription Price.

The special subscription club rate is only \$1.25 a year in clubs of 10 and \$1.00 per year for 50 per cent or more of the resident families.

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X. Because the Baptist Record Needs Your Subscription.

The future of the paper is absolutely dependent upon its subscribers.

XI. Because of the Paper's Impartial Consideration for Its Readers and Their Churches.

All interests of the denomination, all parts of the state, all churches regardless of size are impartially represented through the columns of our paper.

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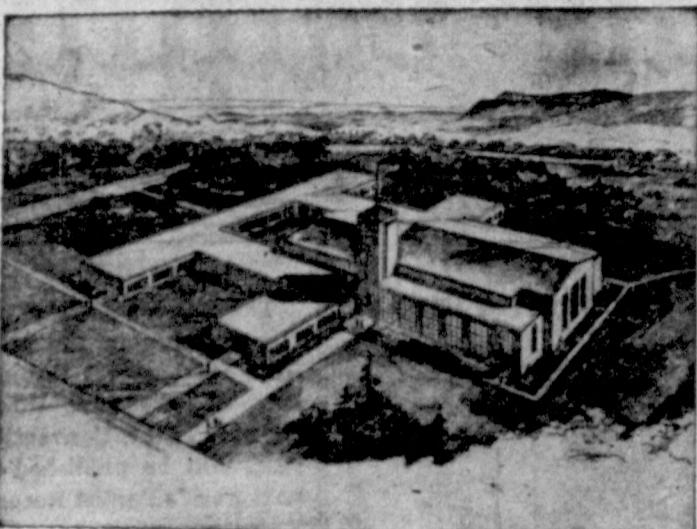
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Glorietta Auditorium Named For T. L. Holcomb



NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Glorietta Baptist Assembly auditorium has been named the Holcomb Auditorium in honor of Dr. T. L. Holcomb, former executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The action taken at the August meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board was announced by James L. Sullivan, successor to Dr. Holcomb.

The auditorium, when completed, will care for fifty conference and classrooms. The stage will have complete facilities for dramas and large musical programs. Dressing and rest rooms, storage rooms, pipe organ chambers, radio and television control rooms, lighting, etc., will also be provided.

Architecture of the auditorium is New Mexican "territorial." It will have a large tower, complete with Carillon bells, amplifier system, and reflective lights.

The first section of the auditorium is already completed and is in use this summer.

Brazilian Government Bestows Great Honor On Baptists At Rio Youth Meet

The Baptist Youth World Conference held recently in Rio de Janeiro, took note of a great honor bestowed upon the Baptists by the Post Office department of the Brazilian government. It acknowledged the publication of a newly released postage stamp selling Cr. \$3.80, the airmail denomination. One and one half million of the stamps were released during the conference. The stamp is light green in color with Sugar Loaf mountain in the background. In the upper left hand corner is a cross. Across the bottom of the stamp is an announcement of the conference. In the lower right hand



corner is the seal of the Baptist World Alliance, consisting of a four pronged star with the letter BWA, and tiny world with two clasped hands, signifying brotherhood. This is the first time that any nation has so honored the Baptists.—Baptist Press.

LAST CALL . . .

For Fall Class of Student Nurses Beginning August 31st

Still time for any young woman desiring to become a Christian nurse to make application and be processed for admission with this class.

Contact or write now to:

Director of Nurses

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Jackson, Mississippi

Sept. 30 Is Final Date Widows Plan Can Be Joined

Sept. 30 is rapidly approaching and will be the last day on which applications for the widow's plan can be received in the state office for this calendar year.

All applications for this plan must however be dated July 1 and dues paid as of that date.

Special attention is called to the fact that those joining now do so without penalty caused by delay in participation. This penalty may never be waived again.

Those joining the Widows Plan must be members of the Ministers' Retirement Plan or join both plans at the same time.

Those pastors and other church staff workers who have not joined are urged to do so at once as time is fleeting by.

—BR—

Freedom Of

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forced to leave the city by the injustice of man.

I beg of you not to mention my name if you write in a newspaper. Nothing more. I write to you with much caution."

The above letter explains itself. This letter comes from a devout Baptist who loves the Lord and has been able to organize a small group of those who have like faith in his home city located in Spain.

To read the letter reminds us of the suffering of the early apostles during the time of Christ.

The tragedy of the matter is that the persecution is being sponsored by those who claim to be of the true church of Christ. Is it possible that one group of Christians could be guilty of persecuting another group of Christians? Yet this is true not only in Spain but in some of the other countries of the world.

May we who are Baptists resolve to dedicate our lives to the religious freedom of those in our country as well as in other countries. We believe that all men should be able to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience.

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Gambling Is Wrong In Church or Saloon

It should not require a court order to prevent gambling in churches. However, a recent news item from Religious News Service indicates that such was necessary in New Jersey. The news item follows:

"Trenton, N. J.—The appellate division of the New Jersey Superior Court has directed the St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, of Newark, to close down its operation of a weekly Skilo game that nets the church \$1,000 a week."

Churches must be hard up for money if they must resort to gambling games for a part of their support. Members of such churches certainly are not following God's plan of financial support if they promote gambling games.

We do not claim perfection for Baptist churches, but so far as we know, there are no Baptist churches that promote any form of gambling. In fact, oyster suppers and ice-cream suppers have almost gone out of style among Baptists. More and more, Baptist churches are depending upon tithes and offerings, which is the Scriptural plan.

A wrong, even though permitted in the name of the church, is never right.

While on the subject of church gambling, we also call attention to a news item in which it is stated that the Indiana Supreme Court in a unanimous decision ruled that the Hasbrook Anti-Gambling Law is unconstitutional because it exempts churches and lodges from its provisions.

"It is class legislation in the highest degree," the court said. The justices said they could see no reasonable or legal distinction between gambling in a fraternal or religious group and any other kind of gambling.

The court asked and answered two questions:

"1. Is there any substantial distinction between a bona-fide religious, patriotic, charitable or fraternal club seeking and receiving profit from the conduct of a lottery, the operation of a slot machine, or any other gambling device, and an individual, a social club, or professional gamblers who operate a similar lottery enterprise, slot machine, or other gambling device?

"We can see none, nor has any valid distinction been pointed out to us.

"2. Is there any valid reason why an individual or a club of a kind not included in the exception which solicits or induces another to engage in gambling should be subject to a penalty, while a religious, patriotic, charita-

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THERE'S AN APPOINTED PRESERVER

"NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER: FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED." ACTS 4:12



ble or fraternal club which engages in a similar enterprise is exempt from punishment?

"We think not."

And even Louisiana, often considered as largely "wide open," frowns upon church gambling. According to Religious News Service:

New Orleans, La.—A warning that keno, bingo and "all other gambling games anywhere in Louisiana" will be raided after August 31 regardless of the sponsorship under which they are conducted was issued by Col. Francis C. Grevemberg, Superintendent of State Police.

The warning was prompted by inquiries as to whether his recent general order against gambling in the state applied to religious, charitable, civic and veterans' groups.

"It certainly does," Col. Grevemberg replied. "Keno, bingo and other games of a similar nature are illegal even when they are operated by clubs and other private groups. We can't let these people gamble and not the others. It is all a violation of the law."

To which we say, "Amen."

—BR—

An Outside Witness

It is human for editors of Southern Baptist papers to feel that the papers are helping to carry on and are promoting the work of Southern Baptists. And it is natural for people to say, "of course, he thinks that." But when an outsider gives testimony to the effectiveness of Southern Baptist state papers, it should make people sit up and think.

We give below an editorial prais-

ing news and articles of the broader field. May the day soon come when every Baptist home will have a Baptist journal for reading."

—BR—

Read Free Ad

May we call your attention to a free ad that appeared in August 6 issue of the Baptist Record. For three or four years the Baptist Record has carried a weekly cartoon supplied by Jack Hamm of Waco, Texas. These cartoons are supplied to the Baptist Record free. But we are not the only recipients of this free service. He sends these cartoons in various sizes to 817 papers in 46 states and 21 foreign countries. It is claimed that the circulation of these cartoons is twice that of Life Magazine. And all of it is free.

Recently when Mr. Hamm inquired for rates for advertising, we promptly wrote him that we would run three advertisements free. We thought that certainly was a token expression of thanks for the fine cartoon service furnished by him.

He now plans to expand his cartoon service and furnish posters for churches. Please go back and read that ad and perhaps you will want to subscribe for this service. Remember that the eye can see more than the ear can hear. We commend him and his service.

—BR—

Our Readers Write

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

While the brethren and sisters over the state are composing letters of appreciation for their pastors, I think it opportune for a pastor to express his gratitude for the members of his flock.

This coming month of October will round out three years of association with the members of the Vancleave Church. They have done so very much for their church during these years, and so very much for their pastor.

Chiefest, and the one which has brought them most happiness is the completion of their new church building on June 14. Many who have seen the building marvel that a resident membership of 78 people (55 active, 15 of which are children) could accomplish so much. Total cost was less than \$18,000; appraised value \$30,000.

Sincerely,

WAYNE BARTON, Pastor.

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Clarke's "Most Famous" Quartet To Sing Sept. 1



The handsome young men above composed Clarke College's most famous quartet "nigh unto 40 years ago." This is how they looked. They are to sing again at the Clarke College Rally, September 1. Roy R. Briggance, now pastor at Gloster, Mississippi, who later took the place of Washington Lee is not shown. Reading from left to right: Washington J. Lee, Carriere, 1st tenor, now retired businessman, Popularville; J. Frank Evans from Laurel, 2nd tenor, now realtor, Jackson; Joe J. Flynt, Mount Olive, baritone, now businessman, Memphis; William H. Sumrall from Service, Miss., base, now Dean of Graduate School, Mississippi Southern College.

Wilbur Heimbolt To Preach For Revival

Rev. F. Wilbur Heimbolt, pastor of the Ephesus Church, Durham, N. C. will be the evangelist for the revival which will begin at the Harmony Church near Picayune, Aug. 23.

Dinner on the ground will be featured the opening Sunday. Rev. George L. Binden is the pastor.

—BR—

On August 23-29 Potts Camp Church will hold a revival meeting. Rev. John D. Alexander, minister of Missions at First Church, Brookhaven, will be the visiting evangelist. Rev. James L. Brown is the pastor.

Ridgeland Evangelist



REV. CHARLES D. PHILLIPS

Rev. Charles D. Phillips, pastor Rome Church will be the evangelist for the revival to be held at Ridgeland Church, Aug. 28-30.

A. D. Huffman of Jackson will direct the music. Rev. Lynton E. Cooper is the pastor.

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Rev. James Bryant Accepts D. C. Church

Rev. James A. Bryant, for six years pastor of South McComb Church, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Wisconsin Avenue Church, Washington, D. C.

The Washington Church has a great future and is planning now a building program.

The South McComb Church has grown substantially under his leadership. 156 members have been received by baptism.

The Sunday School has increased from 254 to 418 and gifts to missions from \$1,849 to \$4,073. The total budget has grown from \$9,623 to \$20,419.

An educational annex has been erected and the church auditorium and pastor's home have been remodeled.

Greenwood Church was sponsored by the South McComb Church.

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Rev. Mullen Allen has resigned as pastor of the Marion Church in order to enroll in the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., this fall.



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Louise	74	8.81
Woodland	62	6.24
Mont Rose (Clarke)	77	6.90
Berea (Attala)	34	3.50
Edgefield (Attala)	41	8.10
Interstate (Bolivar)	100	9.00
Magee's Creek (Walhalla)	68	7.11
Meridian 8th Ave.	165	16.16
Mt. Tabor (Calhoun)	51	3.51
Success (Gulf Coast)	77	14.81
Pine Forest (Montgomery)	26	3.26
Bolton	49	...
Hinkle Creek (Alcorn)	107	7.83
Fair River (Lincoln)	90	10.00
Knoxo (Walhalla)	48	8.51
Tuscumbia	80	9.11
Bethlehem (Alcorn)	64	10.00
Rosedale	106	21.67
Pleasant Hill (Leake)	111	...
Bethlehem (Jones)	139	18.00
Madden	63	5.57
Brandon	130	...
Pleasant Grove (Grenada)	45	14.12
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	77	6.15
Antioch (Greene)	54	6.00
Pine Hill (Clarke)	56	25.09
Carson (Jeff Davis)	72	16.42
Paris (Lafayette)	42	7.00
Darling (Riverside)	183	12.16
Springfield Chapel (Union)	38	9.00
Temple (Union)	42	10.00
Indian Springs Ridge Road Mission (Jones)	75	15.35
Mount Zion (Franklin)	74	16.50
Niland Chapel (Bolivar)	81	3.63
Waxhaw (Bolivar)	88	2.90
Valley Park (Sharkey-Issaquena)	32	7.01
Wake Forest (Oktibbeha County)	42	...
Darijove (Washington)	229	7.14
Coldwater (Marshall)	77	9.32
Thomastown (Leake)	260	12.78
Southside, Columbus-Bell Ave. Mission	49	...
Mount Horeb (Covington)	81	16.38
Pleasant Grove (Wayne)	31	6.25
Roundaway Community Church (Riverside)	84	3.20
West Marks	78	8.75
St. Paul (DeSoto)
Negro	261	11.98
Bethlehem (Jones)	127	17.11
Skene (Bolivar)	83	12.34
Aberdeen, First	272	27.86
Linn (Sunflower)	360	9.59
Spring Creek (Neshoba)	22	5.00
Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah)	30	24.00
Midway (Newton)	82	5.23
Short Creek (Yazoo)	61	8.84
Logtown (Gulf Coast)	85	60.00
Bethel (Jones)	85	8.39
Mt. Vernon (Zion)	85	7.73
New Hope (Covington)	268	13.50
Rock Hill (Rankin)	32	...
Macedonia (Lincoln)	206	26.01
McAdams	139	\$15.00
Bolton	49	...
Linn	160	9.39
Midway (Newton)	82	5.23
Pilgrim's Rest (Calhoun)	50	4.64
Bethel (Jones)	85	...
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Macedonia	296	...

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Rev. Jimmy Hurt, pastor of the Highland Church, Laurel, will be the evangelist for a revival at West Laurel Church, August 23-30.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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SOME IMPORTANT DATES

We have some very, very important dates coming up soon. Each school should strive to get the most out of all events in the Sunday School calendar during these early fall weeks.

Here they are:

Sept. 4 — State Planning Meeting, First Baptist Church, Jackson. This meeting is for the associational Sunday school leaders, missionaries and leaders in the "Million More in '54" program.

Sept. 15 — Associational Victory Rally. This is the day for every association in the Southern Baptist Convention to have its own planning meeting for "A Million More in '54" program.

Sept. 16 — Church Victory Rally. This is the time for each church to have its planning meeting for the same purpose.

Sept. 20-27 — Preparation Week. This is the week for every church, under the direction of the pastor and superintendent, to study the new book, "The Pull of the People." Also, to make final plans for reaching its share of the "Million More in '54."

Sept. 27 — Promotion Day. What an opportunity here! This should be one of the greatest days of the entire year. Plan to make it that.

NOW LET US GO UP AND POSSESS THE LAND

We have given above the opportunities we have during the next few weeks to help our schools in many ways to be better.

However, unless we use these, they shall be of no practical value to us. It is one thing to have opportunities, it is still another thing to use them wisely and well. They must be planned for by the school's leaders in order for practical help to be achieved. If leaders lead, many of the people will follow.

PARKWAY RANKS HIGH

Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, is sixth among all the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of Sunday School training course awards earned from Oct. 1, 1952 to May 1, 1953.

Our very sincere congratulations to pastor Price, Supt. Irwin, educational director Beard, and all their associates and helpers in this very fine record!

AND HERE'S FROM GERMANY

Well, imagine our very great, and pleasant, surprise when we recently received the report of a Vacation Bible school from Augsburg, Germany.

Mrs. Maudell W. Fox, wife of the Chaplain, was the principal of this school, which was made up of children of all denominations, except the Catholics, who had their own school.

Mrs. Fox is a native of Leake county, Miss., and from the Standing Pine Baptist Church.

The enrolment of the school was 438 and the average attendance

345. Some of the literature used was our own Southern Baptist.

We are indeed grateful to Mrs. Fox for this excellent work with the children there and for sending us a report of the school.

PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING

Please send us the report of your Vacation Bible School just as soon as it closes.

We are running them in the Baptist Record from time to time, giving the church, enrolment and mission offering. If you have not seen your church in that list, we have not received the report of the school.

So, be sure to check on it and see that your report is sent at once.

REMEMBER RECORD

CHANGES OCTOBER FIRST

Last week we called attention to the change that is to be made at Nashville, beginning Oct. 1, in keeping Sunday school training awards records.

After October 1, 1953 there will be no records kept in the Nashville office of the individual books any one has taken. Only the diploma and seal records will be kept there.

The individual book awards records must be kept by the church and the individual. There will be no changes made in the matter of earning the awards, but only in the matter of keeping them.

The reason for this change? Here it is: There are two million individual cards in that office, and it has simply become such a big job to keep all these up to date that it has slowed down the getting out of the awards as the reports are received. This change will speed up the getting out of the awards, which is badly needed.

IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Every year is election time for our churches. All workers of the various organizations should be elected each September, and have them ready to take charge the first Sunday in October.

Now this does not mean that each year we have an entirely new group of officers and teachers, but it does mean that all of them are newly elected, and by the church, too.

So, get busy on this vital part of a good program for a church.

—BR—

Rev. Wong Sit was the evangelist for the revival at the Chinese Mission in the Delta. He brought messages in both English and Chinese.

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Baptist Students Urged To Cooperate In Join-The-Church Day In September

BY G. KEARNIE KEEGAN

S. B. C. Student Secretary

Transferring church membership is not a new emphasis of the Baptist Student Union. Since its very beginning, the B. S. U. has included Join-The-Church Day on its calendar of events in September.

This year the B. S. U. forces throughout the Convention will cooperate fully in this emphasis during Transfer Church Membership Week, Sept. 13-20.

To make Join-the-Church Day at college the greatest success, responsibility has been placed on two main groups—the home churches and the college churches.

Home churches have been asked to cooperate in the following ways:

1. Write letters to college pastors telling them about the students who are coming to the colleges near their churches.

2. Prepare in early fall a special program including talks by college students on what the college church has meant to them.

3. Display on bulletin boards in June and early September publicity urging future college students to join college churches.

4. Write individual letters to students leaving for college to thank them for the part they took in the local church and to urge them to join churches in the college centers.

5. Have the pastor preach a sermon on the last Sunday before students leave which will point out the value and the obligations of church membership.

Churches in the college centers have found the following means to be effective in enlisting students:

1. Contact new students by letter telling them of Join the Church Day.

2. Follow up letters from home pastors by visiting students whose pastors have written.

3. Arrange for a special Wednesday night supper following Join the Church Day to welcome new members and introduce the church officers to them.

4. Integrate the students into the entire church program, using them in ways other than for strict B.S.U. affairs.

5. Keep church program geared to the needs of college students, offering them such things as discussion groups where students can meet to talk to the pastor and ask questions concerning the role of their Christian faith and of their church membership in their daily lives.

Whatever students do, they need to see the value of doing it or they often won't bother with it. Therefore, in all the publicity urging students to join the college churches, the Why is given most clearly.

Because the Baptist Student Union leaders realize that college students lost to the churches today are often lost to the churches forever. This emphasis, in connection with the Convention-wide Transfer Church Membership Week, is felt to be most significant.

Ivan Lowry Accepts Pine Bluff Church



REV. IVAN LOWRY

Rev. Ivan Lowry, pastor of the Wheeler Church for the past 18 months, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Pine Bluff Church in Copiah County.

The work at Wheeler has progressed during Mr. Lowry's ministry. There have been 21 additions by baptism.

—BR—

LIST OF COMMITTED CHURCHES CONTINUES UPWARD TREND

The list of churches committing themselves for observance of Christian Stewardship Week Oct. 18-25 continues to grow, according to W. R. Roberts, chairman of the Week.

Those churches that have been committed and have not notified the state chairman are urged to do so.

The latest list follows:

New Zion Baptist Church, Mississippi Association, Rev. Roy Collum, pastor.

Raymond Baptist Church, Dr. John R. Cobb, pastor.

Inverness Baptist Church, Rev. Frank Campbell, pastor.

Locust Street Baptist Church, Pike County, Rev. Herman P. Hayes, pastor.

Crystal Springs, Walthall Association, Rev. J. Roy Crosby, pastor.

Morgan City Baptist Church, Rev. O. J. Olander, pastor.

Crenshaw Baptist Church, Rev. J. B. Dorroh, pastor.

Horn Lake Church, Rev. Eugene Fleming, pastor.

Peach Creek, Como, Mississippi, Rev. Joe Mongle, pastor.

Evansville Church, Arkabutla, Rev. Trennis Grubbs, pastor.

Westview, Hinds Association, Rev. Jimmy Yarborough, pastor.

Beulah, Hinds Association, Rev. Charles Williams, pastor.

Oil City, Yazoo Association, Rev. J. W. Carpenter, pastor.

First Baptist Church, Greenville, Rev. Perry Claxton, pastor.

Alta Woods, Hinds Association, Rev. Percy M. Cooper, pastor.

Center Ridge, Madison Association, Rev. Jack Cranford, pastor.

Horseshoe, Holmes Association, Rev. Olyn Roberts, pastor.

Southside, Hinds Association, Rev. T. G. Murphree, pastor.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Algoma Is On

We take particular pride in welcoming Algoma on the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY PLAN of the Baptist Record. During our Pontotoc pastorate we also served as pastor at Algoma with afternoon services.

A letter from the treasurer, H. M. McCoy, instructed that the Record be started to the families of that church.

Record readers in Pontotoc County are now listed as follows:

ALGOMA, 26; BELLEVUE, 18; CHERRY CREEK, 52; ECRU, 6; ENDVILLE, 36; FRIENDSHIP, 1; FURRS, 38; HARMONY, 1; LONGVIEW, 37; PONTOTOC, FIRST, 261; RANDOLPH, 48; SHADY GROVE, 2; THAXTON, 51; TOCCOPOLA, 38; TOXISH, 54; TURNPIKE, 1; VALLEY GROVE, 10; WEST HEIGHTS, 56; ZION, 11.

Thorn Hill Is No. 1067

Thorn Hill, a newly organized church near Pelahatchie, believes in a good start as well as a good ending. They have recently adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

A letter from the pastor, Rev. S. C. Patterson states. "The Church has voted to have the EVERY FAMILY Plan. We feel that this is one of the best ways of learning about the progress of other Baptist churches."

Record readers in Rankin County are now listed as follows: ANTIQUITY, 37; BETHEL, 48; BRANDON, 130; BRIAR HILL, 51; CATO, 34; CLEAR BRANCH, 53; CONCORD, 29; COUNTY LINE, 33; DRY CREEK, 15; EAST SIDE, 45; FANNIN, 16; HICKORY RIDGE, 36; JOHNS, 30; LEESBURG, 70; 44; MOUNTAIN CREEK, 30; MT. PISGAH, 43; OAKDALE, 53; PAUL TRUITT MEMORIAL, 97; FLOWOOD, 42; PEARSON, 37; PELAHATCHIE, 87; PUCKETT, 41; REHOBETH, 36; RICHLAND, 106; ROCK BLUFF, 26; ROCK HILL, 21; STAR, 52; STEENS CREEK, 134; UNION 26; VALUE, 32; THORN HILL, 18.

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Bude Church Has Successful Revival

The Bude Church, Rev. O. T. Jones, pastor, experienced a successful revival July 19-26 with Rev. Joe Medford, foreign mission volunteer, preaching.

There were 10 for baptism, 8 by letter and 2 rededications.

During the past two months 26 have been baptized and 12 received by letter, indicating a continuous revival.

—BR—

Homecoming services will be held at Antioch Church in Rankin County Aug. 23. Rev. Charles Ray Everitt will preach at the morning service and dinner will be served at the church. All former pastors present will speak briefly during the afternoon.

Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor.

Wheeler Grove, Alcorn Association, Rev. W. C. Gann, pastor.

First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, Rev. T. G. Murphree, pastor.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School at Macedonia Church, Brookhaven. They had an enrollment of 238, with an average attendance of 200. Rev. A. W. Talbert is the pastor.

Seminary Extension Department Opening Many New Centers

Seminary Extension Centers are being opened by the Extension Department, Lee Gallman, director, in a number of states within the bounds of the Southern Convention.

The Seminary Extension Department operated fourteen centers last semester, and expects to have between twenty-five and thirty centers this fall.

The centers are operated on a very simple plan of organization. The association, or pastors conference, or whoever sponsors the center, elects a director, registrar, and treasurer. In addition, the teachers are selected for the various subjects that will be offered by the school.

Classes meet weekly, usually at night but not always, and continue for eighteen weeks. All centers are operated and teachers approved on the basis of cooperation with the state executive secretary and associational leadership.

The Department is now able to offer a total of twenty courses, and there are still twenty in the state of preparation. Courses have been set up on such a basis as will offer college credit and seminary non-degree credit wherever, the student is able to comply with the regulations.

The Seminary Extension Department will promote an extension center in any area where there is a need for this type of work. It is possible to have several associations join together for the purpose of promoting a center. It is required of the teachers that they have at least a Th. M. or B. D. degree in order to teach. The best possible time to begin this type of work has been found to be in September for then they run parallel with the college semester.

Associations desiring this type of instruction will receive full information by writing Lee Gallman, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., and asking for the Seminary Extension Center Plans.

RADIO EVANGELIST CONDUCTS REVIVAL AT WAYSIDE CHURCH

Rev. Claude M. Sailhamer, former Industrial Chaplain of R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., Vicksburg, will conduct a revival at Wayside Church near Scobey, beginning Sunday, August 23 and continuing through Sunday, August 30. It will open Sunday with dinner at the church.

Rev. Sailhamer is heard on Radio Station WRBC, Jackson, every day at 1 p. m. In these radio services Mr. Sailhamer is teaching the entire Bible, chapter by chapter.

Evangelistic song services will precede each message.

Rev. Darwin Hall is the pastor.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(BP)—The executive board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention will recommend to the state convention meeting in November an increase of 5 percent in state funds going through the Cooperative Program to Southern Baptist causes. For a number of years Arkansas has retained 60 percent of the receipts with 40 percent going to convention-wide causes. All money received after the Capital Needs funds and the Operating Budget is paid in full will be divided 50-50 between Southern Baptist Convention causes and state causes.

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Sparks & Splinters

The staff and children of the Baptist Orphanage returned August 2 from a two week's vacation. They express gratitude to the church groups and individuals who entertained them. As it is almost time for school to begin again, the children will be needing school clothing. No adult clothes are needed, but clothes that can be worn by children under eighteen years. Fall outfits, similar to the Easter outfit that were given, will be welcome. Anyone may write for names and measurements. The school children will also need pencils, tablets, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shoe polish, shampoo, combs, and other school necessities. Each of the 20 boys and girls in high school will need \$5.00 per month for lunch. Anyone who wishes to contribute to this may send it to the "Lunch Fund," Baptist Orphanage, Box 97, Jackson-Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. Ferrell, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Argentina who have completed their studies in language school in Costa Rica, will be in the States for a few weeks before going to their permanent field of service. They may be addressed at 833 South Theobald Street, Greenville, Miss. Both are natives of Mississippi.

Rev. John R. Maddox, pastor of the First Church, Picayune, and Mrs. Maddox have returned from a mission trip to South America. The pastor and his wife attended the Baptist World Youth Congress in Rio de Janeiro. After the Congress the couple visited the Baptist mission work in Santiago, Chile, Buenos Aires, Argentina and Montevideo, Uruguay. Then they went to Belo Horizonte, Brazil where Mr. Maddox was born the son of Dr. O. P. Maddox and the late Mrs. Maddox, who served 43 years as missionaries. At the First Church in Belo Horizonte, Mr. Maddox preached in Portuguese for a revival. He also preached in Chile and Argentina. Fifty-three persons made their professions of faith during these services.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Boggan, Sulphur, Oklahoma; Elvis, Richard, and Luellen Boggan, Sulphur, Oklahoma; Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Porter, Georgetown; Rev. C. E. James, Brighton, Alabama; Rev. Harold M. Reid, Newton; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Boone, Holly Springs.

Every Baptist home should have a copy of the 1953 "Southern Baptist Handbook." It is full of information and statistics that are not only inspiring but helpful and informing to Baptists. Space does not permit giving all its advantages, but here are a few: It gives the names and addresses of all of our Baptist agencies, including the Baptist World Alliance, the American Baptists, the Negro Baptists, as well as Southern Baptists. It reveals that 576 new churches were organized in 1952. Baptists should get a copy and see the many good things that Southern Baptists are doing. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

The acting chairman of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will be the featured speaker on the Columbia Church of the Air broadcast on the CBS Radio Network, Sunday morning, August 16th. Dr. Allen W. Graves, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will present the message on this broadcast, and music will be provided by the choir of his church under the direction of the minister of music, Paul H. Green. For a number of years Dr. Graves has been a member of the Radio and Television Commission, and he has been serving as chairman for the past several months.



Keep well informed—read your church publication.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Harold E. Ingraham, business manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board since 1943, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Christian Education by Stetson University, Deland, Fla. Mr. Ingraham, a layman, came to the Sunday School Board in 1922 from Jacksonville, Fla., where he was educational director of Main St. Baptist Church.

Thomastown Church held a revival August 2-8. Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Monroe Dorris, and the singing was led by Rev. Burnis Barrett, pastor of Central Grove Church in Monroe county. There were nine additions, with six for baptism. Three young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service.

Every Southern Baptist pastor who may know of Southern Baptists who have moved to northern Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, or Wisconsin is asked to send their names and addresses to Rev. Kenneth E. Couch, Superintendent of Missions, Great Lakes Baptist Association 2299 Maston Street, Calumet, Illinois.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Fay Killingsworth, Clinton; Mrs. A. L. Hatten, Clinton; Rev. L. C. Brown, Forest; Rev. B. J. Kinlow, Brandon; Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Petty and daughters, Hattiesburg; Ann Garner, Doddsville; Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Hellen, DeQuincy, Louisiana, and Edward Hellen, DeQuincy, Louisiana.

BERKELEY, Calif.—(BP)—Dr. A. L. Aulick, professor emeritus of Golden Gate Seminary, and former pastor of churches in Oklahoma and Texas, died August 5 at Santa Cruz, Calif. He suffered a heart attack prior to the opening of the California Baptist assembly at which he was to speak. Funeral services were held in Berkeley August 8, and the body was transferred to Waco, Tex., for burial.

According to the monthly report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi's total gifts for July amounted to \$41,749. Of this amount \$37,413 was given to the Cooperative Program.

The youth of Lucedale Church are completing plans for a youth-led revival to be held August 17-23. The visiting team is Rev. Bill Webb of Union, youth pastor; John Compere of Jackson, song leader; Miss Margaret Chancellor of Laurel, pianist; and Miss Barbara Doty of Lucedale, organist. A county-wide youth night will be held on Saturday night, August 22.

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—Mrs. S. F. Lowe, widow of the former director of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, died August 10 in Atlanta. Funeral services were held at Druid Hills Baptist Church here.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Judith Ann Skelton, Manteo; Ellen Waldrip, Hillsboro; Doris Algood, Philadelphia; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Ben Thomas, Natchez; Audley Case, Natchez; Frank Easterwood, Natchez; Johnny Jackson, Natchez; Mrs. Wayne Coleman, Natchez; Mrs. Lamar Rogers, Natchez; Dewey Lane, New Hebron.

The Brotherhood of Southside Church, Hattiesburg sponsored a revival meeting August 2-7. There were 6 additions during the week. Rev. Garland McInnis is the pastor.

There were 13 additions, four of them for baptism, in the revival at Bellevue Church, Lamar County, Rev. F. C. Norris, pastor. The evangelist was Rev. A. J. Chandler, pastor of Tangipahoa Church, Summit.

Rev. N. H. Smith, of Meridian, has accepted the pastorate of the Bethany Church, Lauderdale County and the New Providence Church, Leake County.

At Foxworth Church, revival services were held during the week of August 2-7. The new pastor, Rev. Roger M. Snipes, brought the messages and Mr. Thomas Watts, a Columbia business man and Youth Leader in Columbia, First Church, led the music program. There were six professions of faith and four rededications.

Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, of Kreole has just completed a two-week tour of Active Training at Camp Rucker, Ala. He is a Reserve Chaplain.

Frank Littorin, in *How to Preach The Word with Variety*, presents a two-fold challenge to preachers and prospective preachers. First, preach the word. Second, preach the word with variety. Mr. Littorin expounds and demonstrates. He then gives the student an opportunity to learn through practice. This book answers a demand in the field of homiletics for books "that chart a definite path from theory to practice." For \$2.50 order from the Baptist Book Store or from Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

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Pleasant Ridge Church, Attala County, closed a successful revival meeting on Friday night, August 7. Rev. J. P. Neel, Tchula, was the evangelist; Mrs. Callie Mae Baily, was the pianist; and the pastor, Rev. Floyd A. Lumamus, was the song leader. There were four additions, two for baptism.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE ANNOUNCES OPENING; APPOINTS NEW FACULTY MEMBERS



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DR. ENID SMITH

Martin Accepts Post At Temple Church

L. V. Martin, minister of music and education at Clarksdale Church for the past three years has resigned to accept a similar position at Temple Church, Hattiesburg.

Mr. Martin will begin his new duties Sept. 1. Dr. Irving M. Prince is pastor of Temple Church.

While with the church, Mr. Martin directed five choirs, the girls' octet and the men's chorus. The girls' octet was graded superior by the state Baptist music board in a district festival here. Mr. Martin also has taught voice in his connection with directing the music of the church.

Originally from Ackerman, Mr. Martin at one time was associated with the music department of Mississippi Woman's College.

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Here's Good Advice To Anyone Sending News To The Baptist Record

The article below is a Baptist Record version of an article which recently appeared in the "Florida Baptist Witness" (Florida Baptists' state paper). Based upon the article written by the editor, Dr. W. G. Stracener, and changed so as to apply to the Baptist Record, it should be helpful to our readers and will certainly (if observed) be helpful to the Baptist Record personnel.

In the interest of better service for your church and better reading for all of our subscribers, let us think a bit about sending news and pictures to the Baptist Record.

We are grateful for the news that is sent to us from individuals, churches, institutions and groups. We want your news. Our readers want to know what the churches and pastors are doing, what the missionaries are accomplishing what our agencies and institutions are projecting and achieving. Such news is encouraging and challenging. The comments which come to us indicate that the pages carrying such news in the Record are perhaps our most widely read pages.

That we may improve both the quality and the coverage of the news, and save time for both you and our staff, is our purpose in making these observations and suggestions.

Local News

There is one type of news in every church and association in which you are vitally interested but which does not have statewide appeal, and hence is of little or no value to your state paper. Such news is valuable to your local daily or weekly county newspaper, but since it has no statewide interest should not be sent to the Record. Every church has its regular schedule of services and meetings, as does every organization within the church and association. These meetings are of local interest.

Even annual events which are observed in practically all the churches, such as Bible Study Week in January, Week of Prayer for foreign missions, Christian Home Week, Sunday School and Training Union study courses, Youth Week, etc., are of only local interest unless something very unusual occurred in the planning or as a result. You can readily realize that if news reports of such regular events were carried in the Record other churches would say, "We observed those programs, too. What is news about that?"

Statewide News

Frequently something unusual does occur in one of the regularly planned and scheduled services which constitutes news of statewide interest and should be reported to us. It is good news for the Record.

For example, to report that "The First Baptist Church concluded its observance of the Week of Prayer for foreign missions with a fitting sermon by Pastor A. B. Sea and a generous Lottie Moon Christmas offering" would not be news of statewide interest. But if

it could be reported that "as the First Church concluded its observance of the Week of Prayer for foreign missions with a \$5,000 Lottie Moon Christmas offering, Pastor A. B. Sea stepped down from the rostrum to announce to the people the surrender of his life for foreign mission service," that would be news of statewide concern. You can recognize the difference between news with a local appeal and that with a statewide appeal.

Nation-wide News

There is other news which has a convention-wide interest throughout our Southern Baptist Convention territory, and sometimes beyond.

Happenings which show vision or progress or generosity, either of individual Baptists or of church groups, which do not frequently occur even in the larger territory are news of convention-wide significance.

We hope that these thoughts will prompt pastors and church news reporters particularly toward a keener news-consciousness and a more effective use of your local news in your local papers, as well as use of news with statewide interest in your Baptist Record.

A Word About Pictures

We want pictures to illustrate the news we carry, pictures of new church and mission buildings, of new pastoriums, of new pastors and educational or music workers, of unusual events or groups which have a statewide news value.

Even though we must ask those who send in pictures to pay for engraving the cuts, we would still like for them to be good clear prints. We do not enjoy printing a poor picture any more than you enjoy seeing one in the paper. No engraver, printer or editor can make the picture any clearer than the photo you send. The better the picture the better the cut.

Mats and Cuts

Please do not send us mats which have been used before. It is a rare thing indeed to get a satisfactory casting from such.

Please do not send us cuts or stereotypes which are already worn out. The picture you get in the paper is bound to be disappointing.

We do not care much for articles sent to the local paper and then clipped and sent to us. We want news not history.

If you send us a cut see that it fits. Too narrow or too wide, wastes space.

Questions Welcomed

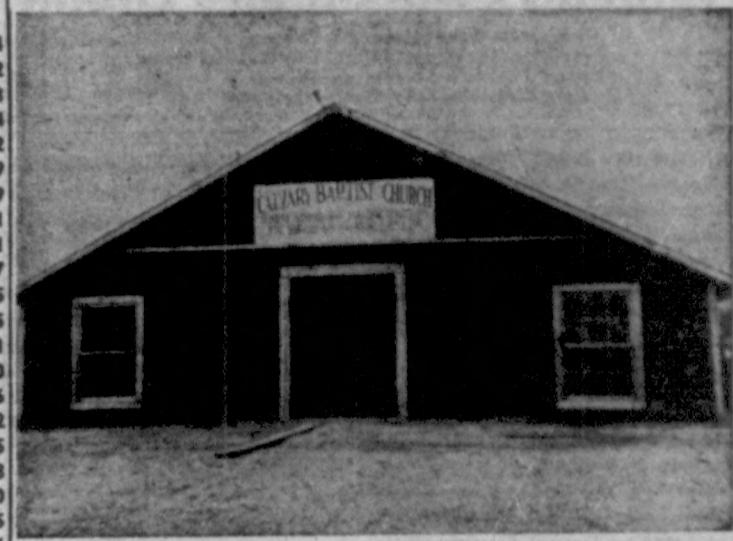
We shall be glad to receive your questions about news reporting, use of pictures, cuts and mats, or other related questions. We shall do our best to help you to in turn help us to give our readers a constantly improved Baptist Record.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

August 16, 1953

Jackson, Van Winkle	508	234
Jackson, First	1314	412
Main Church	1192	348
Ridgecrest Chapel	122	64
Jackson, Broadmoor	250	102
Jackson, Calvary	1250	379
Mission	75	49
Jackson, Crestwood	603	401
Jackson, Southside	309	151
Jackson, Parkway	1045	457
Raymond	167	55
McComb, East McComb	433	165
Bethlehem (Scott)	107	111
Jackson, Highland	120	110
Jackson, Northside	422	106
Laurel, Second Ave.	378	112
Hattiesburg, Main St.	781	215
Laurel, Hillcrest	77	58
Laurel, West Laurel	400	120
Laurel, First	507	135
Springfield (Scott)	154	86
Crainfield (Adams)	51	36
Friendship (Lincoln)	90	93
Pascagoula, First	807	342
Main Church	640	243
Orange Grove Chapel	25	15
Jackson Ave. Chapel	54	48
McArthur Chapel	88	36
Hattiesburg, Temple	536	127
Hattiesburg, Temple	536	182
Ruleville	260	114
Main Church	215	66
Calvary Mission	45	48
Picayune, First	389	175
Sharon (Jones)	177	115
West Point, First	658	261
Main Church	513	158
Calvary Church	145	103
Brookhaven, Pearhaven	143	74
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	147	75
Columbus, East End	200	95
Yazoo City, Calvary	229	188
Crystal Springs, First	705	185
Kosciusko, First	643	243
Meridian, Highland	404	105
Darling	128	68
Charleston, First	339	128
Greenwood, Calvary	423	215
Glenfield (Union)	111	96
Fair River (Lincoln)	117	72
East Corinth (Alcorn)	132	60
Union (Alcorn)	154	135
Biloxi, First	831	181
Louisville, First	421	192
Philadelphia, First	363	117
Canton, Center Terrace	247	145
Marks, First	171	60
Shiloh (Marion)	77	76
Itta Bena, First	192	80
Petal-Harvey	298	118
Newton	369	142
Bethlehem (Jones)	144	102
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	174	28
Gulfport, First	755	256
Yazoo City, First	468	160
Meridian, 15th Ave.	841	213
Pelahatchie	155	68
Bay St. Louis, First	128	63
Laurel, Wildwood	152	70
McComb, Friendship	164	104
McComb, Locust Street	91	57
Brookhaven, First	748	260
Main Church	637	188
Southway	83	60
Halbert Heights	28	12
Laurel, Highland	172	102
Laurel, Joe Wheeler	55	45
Meridian, South Side	341	117
Meridian, Oakland Heights	234	74
Holly Bluff	104	68
Friendship (Jackson)	62	77
Clarksdale	563	167
New Albany, First	592	206
Mission	45	48
Tupelo, Harrisburg	302	203
Calhoun City, First	324	144
Longview (Oktibbeha)	39	67
Zion (Pontotoc)	162	113
Mont Rose (Clarke)	81	85
Corinth, Tate Street	247	84
Lucedale	358	158
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	115	111

Calvary Church Shows Rapid Growth



Batesville's Calvary Church shown above has had a substantial growth and demonstrates one of the best ways to launch a new church venture.

The First Church of Batesville, Rev. Robert Martin, pastor, on May 11, 1952, organized a branch Sunday School in another part of the town with 14 present.

By August, the number had grown to 48. On October 18 the mission was organized into Calvary Church with 46 members, a budget of \$4,380.00, and a full-time program.

On Feb. 1 Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr. became pastor. July 5 ground-breaking services were held for a new auditorium with appropriate exercises.

Construction is now underway on the new building with the church membership having grown to 88 and still growing.

There are 137 enrolled in Sunday School and 99 in Training Union. A fully-graded W. M. U. has been organized.

The pastor attributes much of the success of the new program to a weekly visitation program.

Johns Church Has Successful Revival

Rev. W. O. Knight, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago, was the evangelist for the revival at Johns Church Aug. 27.

There were two for baptism, three rededications and one foreign mission volunteer. Rev. Bob Louk is pastor.

What remains for the frustrated, aimless, hungry lives of the world's millions? Does anything worthwhile remain in the evil world of today? In These Things Remain "the eternal things of the spirit that come only through Jesus Christ." Carlyle Marney, pastor of the First Church, Austin, Texas, has written ten messages that show vividly the futility of life without God and the value of the things of the spirit — showing that Jesus Christ is the answer. Dr. R. Lofton Hudson says that these messages are "pearls of meditation, each one composed with excellent balance between the brain and the heart." It is poetic, "Peter Marshall" style. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville 2, Tennessee for \$2.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson
Executive Secretary—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Secretary—Miss Nell Taylor
Royal Ambassador Secretary—Joel Ray

Below is a letter from Stanley Stamps, Prentiss, who is the summer missionary to the Mexicans in Texas. This project is one of the two being financed by the offerings from Royal Ambassador and Girls' Auxiliary Camps.

Dear W. M. U.

This work is wonderful and I'm thoroughly enjoying it. Each day has a new and different experience. Already this month I've been in two camps. The first one was down in the lower Rio Grande Valley at the Mexican Baptist Encampment at La Feria, Texas, near Harlinger. The Mexican Association in the valley has its own camp property, 35 acres given them by an elderly lady, Mrs. Cone.

It is surrounded by beautiful palm trees and cotton fields and citrus groves. Thus far they only have two buildings—a dining hall and a ladies' dormitory. It is a beautiful spot and has great possibilities of serving a great need in the valley—as a year-round camp place. Mrs. Cone, who loves the Mexicans dearly, gave the property and still lives there. She is really an inspiration to everyone.

The Royal Ambassador Chapter at Harlinger is the best in the state among the Mexicans. They are a nice group of boys and their counselor is a very capable leader. The pastor, Rev. Isaiah Valdivia, is a native of Chile.

At the camp in the valley I was athletic director, taught a class of Royal Ambassadors and had a 30 minute conference every day, as well as being a counselor for the boys.

Last week I was at the Mexican Baptist encampment of District 9 at Eagle Mountain Lake, near Fort Worth. There were many boys there. Most of them were from Ft. Worth or Dallas, and many were not Christians. Being from the big city and probably from slums, they were hard to handle and deal with. At first I was frightened, but I came to love them and found it not so difficult to work with them. Several of them made professions of faith at camp. Everyone there called me "Mr. Peepers" or Walley Cox. They said that I looked just like the guy, Walley Cox, who plays the part of Mr. Peepers on TV. I enjoyed their calling me that, because they seemed to like him.

There at that camp, I served as life guard, boy's counselor, and Royal Ambassadors' instructor. Those boys really enjoyed fighting, or they were always fighting at least. So I found myself trying to break up as many fights as a policeman in the slum area.

It was a difficult situation, but I enjoyed it. Camp was broken up one day early because of rain.

Now I am staying with Milton Leach, Jr., in Fort Worth; however, next week, I have engagements and I also help with the Leachs in VBS in the morning. Tuesday I am going to Dallas. There I will meet with the Boys'

Club at the Good Will Center. Also I may meet with the First Church there, but most of my work will be at Fort Worth.

Next week I go to Beeville, Texas for a week. I will spend all of this week as R. A. Instructor at the Mexican Baptist Church.

The following week I will be back in San Antonio for final preparation for our R. A. Camp. Also I may have some engagements in Austin, Houston, and Corpus Christi.

The week of August 10-14 we are having our State Wide R. A. Camp, at Ala Frio. I am the director, and we are expecting over one hundred boys there. I am going to have a capable staff and a very full program. Will all of you pray with me for the success of that camp, and worthwhile life decisions will be made.

I would appreciate it if that camp could be placed on the Baptist Record Prayer Calendar so that the boys in the state and the WMU will be praying for us.

The week of August 17-21 I will be at the Menard Encampment as a teacher.

Do pray for our organization here. Write if you can. Send to 711 Elmwood, San Antonio, Texas. Sincerely,

STANLEY STAMPS.
—BR—

NEW ZION ANNOUNCES REVIVAL MEETING



REV. A. V. FAGGARD

New Zion Church of Choctaw county plans a revival meeting the week of August 23-28. Rev. A. V. Faggard of Weir will be the evangelist.

Rev. Ferrell Cork, Jr., is the pastor.

—BR—

The Oak Grove Church, near Prentiss, will have its regular youth revival the week-end of Aug. 21-23. Services will be conducted at 7:30 p. m. Friday and Saturday nights and at regular time Sunday. Frank Gunn of Indianola will be the featured speaker. Youth Week officers, selected by the church, will serve in all the places of leadership during the Revival.



Shown above is the Midway (Newton County) VBS. Dr. John F. Carter, the pastor, is shown at the right and W. T. McMullan, principal, at the left.

Church Can Have Evangelism Council Without Organizations

By C. E. WILBANKS
Director of Evangelism

"How to have an Evangelism Church Council without organizations" was a promised discussion. Here is the way.

Suppose the church has only a pastor and a Sunday School. The pastor can master chapters six and eleven in "The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism." He can teach them to the church. Then let him assume his rightful place as chairman of the Council.

The pastor will lead the visitation one week.

The Sunday School superintendent can lead visitation the second week.

The deacons can lead visitation the third week.

The adult Sunday School class can lead visitation the fourth week, even if there is but one adult class. If only two classes of adults and no deacons, these two classes could lead visitation one week each.

Thus, an Evangelism Church Council is an easy possibility in even a quarter time church that has no Training Union, Brotherhood, Missionary Union or missionary society, that is, if the church wants to. Ah! There's the rub—"wants to."

At any rate, the director of evangelism is convinced that the Evangelism Church Council is a practical, workable way to lead to reaching more people for Christ.

It is so simple to understand and to use that any quarter-time church can set it up and have her members witnessing for Christ. Jesus sent ALL his twelve out by two's. He sent his 70 the same way. He will use any church the same way right in her own community.

A church without a pastor can use the Evangelism Church Council. A Sunday School superintendent, a deacon and two Sunday School teachers can do this.

The Evangelism Church Council is the answer to no baptisms in a church. It is the way to more baptisms in a church. It works in any church, regardless of size of membership or location. It will help to reach "a million more in '54". It will lead to victory in the convention-wide Simultaneous Crusade in '55.

Call on your director of evangelism for further details, or to help set up the Evangelism Church Council.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. BOYD, Sr.
50 Years Ago—

In response to an appeal by Superintendent Carter for cows for the Orphanage, four cows were received—three given and one loaned—from Dave Brown of Jackson, Mrs. R. E. Foster of Shilo, and Brother Grimes of Pelahatchie.

25 Years Ago—

Pastor A. A. Kitchings tells of two meetings: REHOBOTH Church, Rankin County, where Rev. B. C. Ingram of Biloxi did the preaching, resulting in 13 for baptism; his home church, BETHLEHEM, when Rev. H. C. Clark of McAdams did the preaching, resulting in "about seventy additions."

The New Zion Church, Copiah County, closed a meeting of days with ten for baptism and one by letter, during which Rev. W. L. Meadows preached and A. J. Cooper led the song services.

The revival meeting at Shivers resulted in eleven admissions, six for baptism, in which Pastor C. W. Black was assisted by Rev. J. W. Gray (a home boy) as preacher, and A. J. Cooper of El Paso, Texas, leading the song services.

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Mary Jo Ray Writes Of Work In Alaska

Dear Mr. Horner,

What I wouldn't give if you along with all the Mississippi BSU'ers could spend a week in Alaska. I fell in love with the people and the country the first week I was here.

I have worked in two Bible Schools since I have been here. One of these was in Valdez. The work here is new and the pastor, Jimmy Rose, is having a terrific struggle. He has met open opposition on almost every hand. He is not supported by the Home Mission Board and has to earn a living for his family of three girls besides his work, in the winter months, which is about nine months. This is a hard task. The young people in Alaska especially need our prayers and help. It is very hard for them in this country to live a Christian life.

In a few weeks there is to be a new mission started in Anchorage. The first week some of the summer workers are going to take a census and hold a Bible School. We are praying that God will send the right man to pastor this new mission. The native mission here is in full swing, it is right across from the new native hospital which will give them an opportunity to contact so many more people. The Eskimo people are so simple and lovable that they just wrap themselves around your heart.

The rest of the time I have been

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REV. ROGER M. SNIPES

Rev. Roger M. Snipes has accepted the pastorate of the Foxworth Church in Marion County. He is a native of North Carolina and has held pastorates at Floyd, Virginia and Greensboro, N. C. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Guilford College in Greensboro, N. C., and the Bachelor of Theology degree from Piedmont Bible Institute, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Snipes is at present a student at the New Orleans Seminary, where he is working toward the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wren Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for The Baptist Record.

ALLERGIES

Letter: I have allergies, food allergies. In fact there are only a few foods that I can eat without a stomach and intestinal upset.

My boss laughs at me and says that it is all in my mind. He is a Christian Scientist and urges me to go to a reader. He says that my trouble is negative thinking. What do you think?

Answer: I think "negative" about your boss. His attitude is not only silly but it is positively unscientific. Furthermore, it is thoroughly unchristian to act as if illness is a person's own fault. Don't you know that if Christian Scientists could cure allergies, the world would make a path to their door?

There are some allergies which are apparently hysterical symptoms. That is, they are caused by anxiety; the fearful person runs to his body for help. Any of the faith healers can cure some of these sufferers of their particular difficulty. But they may switch symptoms or even be worse off emotionally after they are "cured." And, of course, some allergic conditions clear up for no reason at all, so far as the doctors can find out.

If I were you I would go to a good allergy specialist and follow his advice. Then pray for God's help and healing. If God wills to heal you, he will. He is no respecter of persons. But do not let anybody fool you on this "positive thinking" stuff. It is pure hocus-pocus. The only kind of thinking which honors God and respects intelligence is realistic, honest, straight thinking.

R. LOFTON HUDSON
—BR—

Near The Baptist Hour

Dr. Baker James Caughen will be the preacher on the Baptist Hour broadcast on Sunday, August 23. His message will be heard in 28 states and 7 foreign countries.

Stations in Mississippi carrying the broadcast will be: WJMB, Brookhaven — 1:30 p. m.; WDOB Canton, 5 p. m.; WGCL, Centerville, 1:30 p. m.; WLCL, Cleveland — 5 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WJPR, Greenville; WFOR, Hattiesburg — 10:15 p. m.; WLSM, Louisville — 8:30 a. m.; WMBC, Macon — 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb — 9:00 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian — 4:00 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez — 7:15 a. m.; WRJW, Picayune — 1 p. m.; WVIM, Vicksburg — 5 p. m.; and WPMP, Pascagoula — 4:30 p. m.

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CHORAL WORK

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Shown above is the Vacation Bible School recently held at the Thomastown Church, in Leake County. There was an enrollment of 100 with an average daily attendance of 90. Rev. Monroe Dorris is the pastor.

MRS. WILLIE FERGUSON HARRIS

WHEREAS, On June 24, 1953, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call Mrs. Willie Ferguson Harris from her earthly cares and duties to her Heavenly Home,

AND WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris was a valued member, and church organist, of the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc for many years and could always be found at her post of duty, loyal to God, her church, and her fellowmen,

AND WHEREAS, since her passing our church has felt a great loss,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

ED, that we express to her family our sincere sympathy as we share with them in this their great loss. We commend them to the all wise God who cares for His own,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, one to the Pontotoc Progress and one to The Baptist Record and that a copy be filed with the secretary of the Board of Deacons.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. PITTS, JR.
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Echoes From Youth Week

Mr. Joe McCullough of East McComb Church, Pike Association, writes: "I think it is a wonderful opportunity for the young people of the church... Sometimes it helps a young person to find God's will for his life."

Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr., pastor of Mendenhall Church of Simpson county made this comment on the report form: "Certainly we adults today would be better leaders today if Youth Week had been a regular event each year as we grew up."

Mr. Thomas Chaney, Minister of Education at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, stated that in the observance of Youth Week that 526 offices were filled by young people for the week and to substantiate such a claim he sent us a printed report of the nominating committee for Youth Week. That's doing it in a BIG way.

Rev. Howard Scarborough of Edna Church, Marion Association wrote on his report form: "Youth Week is one of our most valuable ways of training our young people in a first hand way in the real responsibilities of running the varied activites of a church program."

Rev. Marcus Smith in reporting on the Youth Week at Sulphur Springs Church, Newton, wrote: "I planned the week so that we would have youth in charge of both services on a single Sunday. I am convinced that it was the best single day we have had in the church in the three years I have been pastor."

"It was the greatest week of the year. We had ten young people to surrender for full-time Christian service," writes Ethel McKeithen, Minister of Education of 41st Avenue Church, Meridian.

From Toxish Church, Pontotoc, comes this report: "Youth Week is one of the highlights of the year in our church. One boy surrendered to preach and entered Clarke College June 1." Report by Mrs. M. McCleskey.

—BR—

DISTRICT WINNERS CONCLUDED

Already in this column there have appeared listings of attendance at the recent district conventions, the officers elected to serve the conventions in 1954, district winners in the Intermediate Sword Drill, district winners in the Young People's Speakers' Tournament and Junior Memory Work Drill. In this issue of The Record we are fulfilling our promise to list in this column all of our district winners in the five convention and assembly features by presenting the names of the district winners in the Primary Story Time and the Adult Mission Story Feature.

Primary Story Time: Group I. John Brookshire, Griffith, Hinds; Carol Ann Sylar, Calvary, Washington; Joy Stallings, Cascilla; Lee Dillard, Pontotoc, First; Joe Senter, Trinity, Itawamba; Walter Stewart Peden, Houlka; Nancy

The Center Grove Church of Oktibbeha county has adopted a full-time program.

The church has made unusual progress during the last eight months. The congregation has recently occupied their new \$20,000 brick building, containing six Sunday School rooms and an auditorium seating 200.

During this time a Training Union has been organized with an enrollment of 48. The Sunday School has increased in attendance from 28 to 98.

Rev. Frank Crawford is the pastor.

Alabama Pastor To Be Ford's Creek Evangelist



REV. JOHN O. RICHARDSON

Rev. John O. Richardson, pastor, First Church, Prattville, Alabama, will be the guest speaker for revival services at the Ford's Creek Church, Pearl-River Association, August 23-30.

Rev. W. S. Garmon, pastor, will direct the music.

A special service will be held Sunday, August 30. Following the noon meal there will be a "Roll Call" service.

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Friendship Church Has Good Revival

Friendship Church, McComb, has completed a successful revival. Rev. Herman Hayes, Locust St. Church, McComb, was the visiting speaker and Rev. W. W. Grafton, St. Charles Ave. Church, New Orleans, La., the singer.

There were 3 professions of faith, 1 by letter, 1 mission volunteer, and 1 rededication. Rev. H. Gordon Shambarger is pastor.

—BR—

New Church Organized in Wayne Association

Sunday, Aug. 2 representatives from seven Wayne County Baptist Churches met as a council to witness the constitution of the new First Church of Chicora. This organization followed a revival meeting in which 29 people presented themselves as desiring to be charter members.

Five of these came as candidates for baptism and the others came by statement from the old Chicora Church, which has been inactive for several years, and by letter from other active churches.

Rev. James L. Harrell of Evergreen led the singing and Rev. James P. Gilbert of Clara did the preaching.

The church elected the following officers: Rev. James P. Gilbert, pastor; Foster Mills, J. V. McCaa and Mack Powell, trustees; J. V. McCaa, treasurer; and Foster Mills, clerk and co-treasurer.

Rev. Virgil Ratcliff of Calvary Church, Waynesboro and Rev. E. F. Hicks of First Church, Waynesboro, were on the program.

Preaching will be on second and fourth Sundays. At present a tent is being used for services but a building fund has been started.

Three individuals have offered land to build a church on and construction will begin in the near future.

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FAMILY NIGHT PLAN ENDORSED

By FRED TARPLEY

Temporary Pastor Ridgecrest

Family Night at Ridgecrest Chapel has proven a great blessing. Even though we are only four months old our attendance has been unusually good. Our leaders had the conviction that if we were to grow a strong church we needed a strong mid-week service. Somebody made the statement 'the families that pray together stay together', and we believe that.

The entire family comes to Ridgecrest on Wednesday evening. Even in the summer we made some definite plans to make the Wednesday evening service attractive.

People don't come to a service in large numbers just because you announce it. We started meeting at 6:45 p. m. for a meal, pot luck style with our families bringing a covered dish. It was all spread together with the church providing the drinks, cups and paper plates. At 7:30 we have our prayer meeting service consisting of songs, prayers for various phase of our work and the sick, closing with a fifteen to twenty-minute message.

At 8:00 we break up into various groups, the men to Brotherhood, women in W. M. S., the boys and girls to their missionary groups. We always try to close by 8:45. Our people like "Family Night". A few adjustments may need to be made when school opens in September.

Ridgecrest Baptist Chapel is a mission of First Baptist Church. During their first four months 144 members were received. On August 1, 1953 they let a contract for the first unit of their building, costing \$61,500.

Activities Reported

Terry Brotherhood has an enrollment of 38 and held 2 meetings. They held their yearly tent revival with wonderful results. Reported by Will T. Head.

West Side Brotherhood in Union Association has an enrollment of 16 and held 4 meetings. They held jail service and sponsored the showing of the film "Mr. Texas". Reported by V. C. Stagg, Jr.

State Blvd. Brotherhood in Lauderdale Association has an enrollment of 15 and held 4 meetings. They are carrying on the usual activities. Reported by B. L. Morland.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For August 23

THE CHRISTIAN PRAYER LIFE, OR A LESSON ON PRAYER

Bible Text: I Tim. 2:1-8; Rom. 8:26-28.

I. WHAT PRAYER IS

For a number of years in New Orleans it was my good fortune to lead each year a class in the study of prayer, and in that class I learned from experience how utterly stale, flat, and unprofitable are merely formal treatises on prayer. On the other hand, how rich might become the experience of one who, following the teachings of the Bible under the direction of His Spirit, really practiced the art of prayer. There are a few great principles which people who wish to learn how to find the throne room of the Father will do well to learn and practice.

1. Prayer originates in a desire for fellowship with God. Elizabeth Barrett Browning has been quoted as having said that the highest form of prayer is found in the irrepressible exclamation, "O God!", and, with this opinion, I agree. It is not primarily what God has that the really prayerful heart desires, but God Himself.

While I write these words, our grandchildren from New Orleans are out at our house on an extended visit. The grandmother had noted an air of pensiveness upon the part of both of them, and had trouble in understanding it, because they had been so eager to come "to Mississippi" as they called Clinton. But last evening the grandmother said, "I found out something today. I heard Joe (age seven) say to his sister, 'The next time I come to Mississippi, I want my Mama to come with me. I don't want just her picture; I want her. I have a good time with my Mama'." Mama has been sending them things by mail, but that does not satisfy.

It is just so with the sincerely praying heart. The desire of that heart is for God.

2. The praying heart is sincere. Let go at that. Where the heart is insincere, there may be much mouthing of words, there may be loud screaming and curious contortions, but there is no prayer. There may be well modulated tones, excellent diction, faultless breath control, a fine elocutionary performance, but no, utterly NO prayer without sincerity.

3. The primary aim in prayer is to bring the will of the person praying into harmony with the will of God. When a pretended petitioner thinks or says, "Not Thy Will, but mine be done", he is not praying, but presuming. The praying heart does not seek to change God's mind about something, but to have God change the petitioner's mind about something. It was thus that our Lord prayed in the garden, and He had the desired answer to His prayer.

4. God's answer is as certain as His heart is true. "Ask and it shall be given; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened: for every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." The answer may not be that for which under the stress of some mastering selfish desire you may ask, but His Holy Spirit is always given to those who in sincerity ask Him for His will. How many a time and oft have you pled with God for something which you did not get, and on account of which you were disappointed at first, only to thank God in the after years, that your petition was denied. But God gave the needed answer, doubt it not. Prayer then is petition to which God's answer is always certain.

II. HOW PRAYER IS MADE

1. As to physical posture. Here one can not be dogmatic. Paul bowed his knees: our Lord lay upon His face. These postures were each assumed at different times under different circumstances; but I am sure our Lord prayed many times standing, as did also Paul, and they both prayed while sitting, though the physical posture in any case does not gainsay the fact that a strong emotion does powerfully affect the physical. The posture convenient to the expression of the heart's deep-down desire for fellowship with the Eternal is, I think, a safe rule.

2. "In secret". The element of privacy is always present. "Enter into thy chamber, and when thou hast shut thy door," pray. "The chamber", thy secret place, may be a sweetgum bush in the middle of a forty-acre field, or the dining room in your home, or some secret place of any kind anywhere, but the essential is an attitude of personal, private, intimate attention to God. The secret place is a listening post where the ears of the heart are strained to catch the faintest whisper of the Spirit of the Almighty, which, or WHO is God our Father.

III. WHAT PRAYER DOES — IT CHANGES THINGS.

1. As already stated, it changes the heart of the prayer. How many a time has the Christian gone to God with his own selfish interests at heart and stayed before the throne till he came to see that what he had desired was selfish and, therefore, wrong. How many a time have you stood amidst the wreckage of your fondest hopes, and beside the grave of your cherished ambitions and, with bleeding heart and teardimmed eyes, looked upon what you thought was the end of your life's best work! I have stood there myself and longed for some obscure place to which I might get me away and hide. But a season with God in prayer has changed the unpleasant aspect of the matter, and the eyes, brighter for their bath of tears, have seen with clearer vision the beauty of

work that builds His kingdom of Righteousness in the world?

Eddie Martin Meeting At Greenville Breaks All Attendance Records



Shown above, part of more than 4,500 people who overflowed the huge tent of Evangelist Eddie Martin Revival Campaign in Greenville, which closed Sunday night, August 2.

A new chapter has been written about the work of city-wide evangelistic campaigns when the Eddie Martin Campaign came to a close Sunday night, August 2, when more than 4500 worshippers attended the closing service. Never before in the history of Greenville did such a large crowd gather just to hear the gospel preached. From the middle of the campaign on to the close records of attendances were broken as the crowds continued to increase. Literally hundreds walked the aisles at different times when under the influence of the gospel.

Eddie Martin is surely the pastor's evangelist. He has no peer when it comes to upholding the church, working in full cooperation

things are become new", there is a new creation. There was a world in which men were regarded as legitimate spoil for such of their fellows as had sagacity, diplomacy, craftiness enough to make victims of any less fortunate than they. In the secret place, men have come to see that when our Lord taught His to pray, "OUR Father", he declared that all men of every tribe and blood were by creation brothers, and that all stood in common need of the saving grace of God.

He who prays, "Thy kingdom come", must ally himself with all effort to bring that kingdom in, must see all men as creatures of a loving Creator who has made them like Himself, so that their brothers under the skin must henceforth look upon them as objects of the loving concern of every professed follower of the Father, and must give themselves in unstinted measure to this task imposed by a changed world made different by prayer.

3. It changes God. In the face of what I have been saying, this statement might sound like a contradiction, but I do not believe it is. God is the absolutely changeless One; even so, but may not this very fact declare also that God is changeless in His willingness to give to His faithful ones their cherished desires when those desires are for the promotion of work that builds His kingdom of Righteousness in the world?

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

August 24 — W. M. S. Week Camp Garaywa; L. L. Hutchinson, Le Flore Associational Brotherhood President.

August 25 — Sam Gore, Mississippi College faculty; Elsie Ann Erwin, State B. S. U. Council.

August 26 — Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, State B. W. C. Federation Chairman; W. B. Lowry, Lauderdale Associational Sunday School Supt.

August 27 — Mrs. Elma Lois McKinstry, Blue Mountain College faculty; Freeman Ward, Deer Creek Associational Training Union Director.

August 28 — Mrs. Clifton Nettles, Baptist Building; Rev. A. M. Tutor, Yalobusha Associational Organizer of Evangelism.

August 29 — Mrs. M. H. James, Tallahatchie Associational W. M. U. Supt.; A. L. McGaugh, Clarke College faculty.

August 30 — Rev. J. E. Richardson, Grenada Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

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Pastor's Part Important In Success Of Transfer Church Membership Week

BY COURTS REDFORD
Home Mission Board

Transfer Church Membership Week will be observed September 13-20, 1953, by Southern Baptists in an effort to enlist the 2,343,789 non-resident members of their churches.

Such an effort was made last year with gratifying results. Its success is revealed in the fact that 481,879 people joined Southern Baptist churches by letter or statement in 1953.

There is still much to be done. According to the 1953 Southern Baptist Handbook there are more non-resident Southern Baptists than there are members of all Baptist churches of all nationalities outside of North America.

Should these non-resident members be enlisted and be as faithful in service and in giving as the present residents members our churches would win and baptize 88,000 additional people annually. They would add more than \$50,000,000 to their local budgets and \$11,500,000 to their gifts for missions, education, and benevolence. These added mission gifts would make it possible for every state mission board to increase its work by 25 per cent, add substantially to the support of Baptist institutions, and support at least 400 additional home and foreign missionaries.

Every pastor earnestly desires such achievements. The success of the movement depends very largely on the 19,000 active pastors of our Baptist churches.

There are at least 10 things that every pastor may do to insure the success of this effort.

1. Beginning immediately, he will talk about its advantages in personal conversations, and will discuss with his congregation the obligations that are clearly stated in the church covenant.

2. The pastor will confer with his deacons and church leaders and determine the part that each organization, class, and group may have in this enlistment program.

3. He will see that the church roll is corrected and will secure the names and correct addresses of all non-resident members.

4. The pastor or a committee appointed by the church should write a gracious and tactful letter to each non-resident member suggesting that he move his church membership to a Baptist church in the community where he lives.

5. The members of the church should be persuaded to write to relatives and friends encouraging them to move their church membership during Transfer Church Membership Week.

6. Plan carefully a thorough census of the church community to find Baptists whose membership is elsewhere. The pastor will see that the best possible use is made of this information.

7. Send each of these non-residents a personal letter inviting him to the opening service of Transfer Church Membership Week on September 13.

8. Plan carefully the visitation program to be carried on during

the week of September 13-20. See that members of every organization, class, and group participates. Make definite assignments.

9. Give the mid-week prayer service on September 16 entirely to this effort. Reports, testimonies a short message of encouragement and inspiration, and much prayer are in order. Give an opportunity for people to join the church at this service.

10. The pastor will make much of "Climax Sunday," September 20. It should receive the same emphasis as the last Sunday of your revival meeting. Plan the services carefully.

The pastor will do his best to see that this problem of the non-resident member does not recur in the future. He will be careful in receiving members to be certain that each is saved and understands the obligation of church membership. The church covenant should be emphasized. He will want to teach the book, *Your Life and Your Church*, to all new members. He will seek to find a place of service for every member.

Thus the pastor can render a great service to his people and to his Lord.

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Moorhead Evangelist



DR. W. PERRY CLAXTON

Dr. W. Perry Claxton, pastor of First Church, Greenville, was the evangelist for the revival at Moorhead with John Compere leading the music.

There were 6 additions, three by baptism and 23 rededications. Dr. Charles Ray is the pastor.

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... The Government of India has issued a number of regulations aimed at eliminating liquor from public life. There is to be no alcoholic drink at state functions; no liquor advertising accepted in India owned newspapers; elimination of all drinking scenes from motion pictures; and diplomatic representatives abroad are to substitute fruit juices for cocktails at all official functions.

(Editor's Note: And we send missionaries to India! It seems that in many ways they should send missionaries to the U. S.

Washington —(WRR)—It now is a matter of record that life in Washington today is just as hilarious—for the favored—as ever. Caterers report that they are busier than ever before, serving an endless swirl of dinner parties, receptions, cocktail parties, and buffet suppers. The really Big Money has come to town. At one such party thrown recently for a TV mistress of ceremonies (Martha Rountree), the guests consumed literally scores of cases of bourbon, scotch and gin, not to forget 120 bottles of champaign, and many delectable hors d'oeuvres. Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wisc.) was there with his girl-friend, Miss Jean Kerr, who used to be on his office payroll, and so was Speaker of the House Joseph W. Martin, Jr., (R-Mass.) as well as hundreds of others. If anyone talked about the boys in Korea, it was not reported.

FIRST CHURCH, LOUISE BUILDS NEW PASTORIUM



First Church, Louise has begun work on the building of a new three-bedroom pastorium. Shown above are the members of the building committee. Left to right (back row), they are Rev. A. E. Lucas, pastor; Mr. O. H. Steen; Mr. J. K. Stewart; Mr. John Cook; and left to right (front row), they are Mrs. J. A. Sanders, Mrs. John Cook and Mrs. A. E. Lucas.

The church was organized two years ago, with 14 members. There are now 100 members.

Last year the church built a \$20,000 brick building, which was dedicated on Easter, 1953 with a note-burning ceremony.

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On August 2 Palmer Church of Tippah County began a full time program. In the revival that began the same day and continued through the week, Rev. W. R. Prince was the evangelist. The pastor, Rev. Gene Walley, led the singing. There were 14 professions of faith.

Rev. and Mrs. William E. Allen, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil who have been in the States on furlough, have returned to their field of service and may be addressed at Caixa Postal 326, Rio de Janeiro. Mr. Allen is a native of Mississippi, and he and Mrs. Allen make their permanent American home in Amory.

"Their words will be more readily accepted than the words of the American missionary; and, unless we see their possibilities and help them to see the better side of American Christianity, their testimony may drown out that of the missionary," he declared.

"American Christianity is fast coming to a crossroads in its mission program," he concluded. "We can't go further until we go deeper and put into effect the principles of Christianity in our own homeland. These principles must be put to work in three areas: race relations, economic justice, and religious sincerity."

The interpretive addresses delivered by Dr. Goerner were to have been given by the late Dr. M. Theron Rankin, the Board's executive secretary who died June 22.

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